(e) No such proposal is under consideration at present. Air India Express will remain a subsidiary of Air India.

Air service between New Delhi and Guwahati

2791. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider to increase the frequency of Indian Airlines flights between New Delhi and Guwahati;

(b) whether Government will also consider to create new airports in Assam; and

(c) if so, whether it would include the revival of Rupshi Airport which is now under Bodoland Territorial Areas District of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Indian Airlines has no plan to increase the frequency of flights between New Delhi and Guwahati due to constraints of aircraft capacity and commercial considerations.

(b) Airports Authority of India presently has engaged in upgrading existing airport facilities in Assam.

(c) Does not arise.

Exodus of pilots from State carriers

2792. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several pilots from State run carriers have left these carriers;

(b) if so, the details of pilots who have left these carriers and joined other private airlines during the last three years;

(c) whether this has badly affected the operations of these carriers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) During the last three years, 3 pilots have left Air India and 13 left Indian Airlines. During the same period, 38 B737 Pilots and 4 ATR Pilots also left Alliance Air.

(c) There has been some effect on the operations of some of the airlines. Similarly pilots from other private airlines have also joined State carriers.

(d) and (e) Airlines have issued advertisements for recruitment of pilots in line with their requirements. Further airlines have recently been permitted by DGCA to utilize pilots upto the age of 61 years, as against the earlier stipulation of 60 years.

Bids for Delhi and Mumbai airports

2793. DR. M.A.M RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted 12 weeks to the nine short listed private and international consortia to submit the final technical and financial bids for Delhi and Mumbai airports;

(b) if so, the details of these companies including their financial health;

(c) the criteria for short listing adopted by Government;

(d) the details of companies and consortia whose applications have been rejected; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of companies/consortia are: 1. M/s. Bharti Enterprises Private Limited, Tamarind Projects Private Limited, Mitbrau Realty Private Limited, Bharti Infranet Private Limited, Changi Airport Managers & Partners (Singapore) Pte Ltd., Singapore Changi Airport Enterprise Pte. Ltd., 2. M/s. Hochtief airport gmbh, Piramal Holdings Limited, L&T Hodlings Limited, 3. M/s. Macquarie Bank Limited, Agarwal Galvanising Private Limited, Aeroports de Paris, 4. M/s. GMR Infrastructure Limited, GMR Industries Limited, Mdvin Finance Private Limited, Fraport